

Attachment 4.11 (b) – Annual Estimates of Individuals to Be Served and Costs of Services

Based on the 2006 American Community Survey there are about 536,000 working age individuals with disabilities in Washington. This represents 14.1% of those in the 21-64 age range (520,000 individuals) and 7.6% of those in the 16-20 age range (34,000 individuals).

Historically, DVR received approximately 12,000 applications per year; however, this number declined in previous years under order of selection. Applications have been back on the rise in the past two years. In FFY 2008 DVR received 9,527 applications compared to 6,917 in FFY 2007. Applications increased markedly as DVR neared the end of the waiting list at the beginning of 2008 and have continued at a higher level since then. In FFY 2009 DVR is on pace to receive approximately 11,500 applications. Of the new eligibility determinations year to date, 35% of individuals determined eligible were determined to be in the highest priority category compared to 48% in FFY 2008 and 68% in FFY 2007. This shift in the proportion of cases in the highest priority category appears consistent throughout most DVR offices.

The Division has adequate funds to serve all individuals currently in eligible status (3,200) and in plan status (6,850) and to cover the cost of eligibility determinations and post-employment services. For the current FFY the average cost to support a successful rehabilitation is \$5,850. This average considers the total costs over the life of a case (application to closure) for all cases closed with an employment outcome during this federal fiscal year.

DVR estimates carrying approximately 7,000 IPEs into FFY 2010 and has set a target of 5,700 new plans based on anticipated basic grant funds and staff resources. With an average expenditure per IPE per year of approximately \$1,600, IPE costs will total approximately \$20,000,000. This leaves ample funds to pay for costs incurred in pre-plan and post-plan services at the current rate of 15% of total expenditures. To achieve 5,700 new plans, DVR will target a rate of new applications of 800-900 per month, or about 10,000 per year. DVR will continue to build the caseload of open IPEs throughout 2010 to align the number of open plans that can be supported with available resources. DVR will continually monitor expenditures and caseload movement to ensure the Division continues to have the resources to effectively serve all eligible individuals.

In addition, DVR will receive \$8.9 million in federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These one-time funds must be expended by December 31, 2011 and do not require state match.

ARRA funds will be used to target adults and youth with disabilities who are ready for full-time employment in high demand occupations that pay mid-to-high wage salaries. DVR is targeting an additional 1000 customers will be rehabilitated through use of ARRA funds as follows:

July-December 2009 = 200 rehabilitations
January-June 2010 = 200 rehabilitations
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January-July 2011 = 300 rehabilitations

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